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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. SADDAM HUSSEIN

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1. MRS. HUSSEIN'S VISIT PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. ASIDE FROM MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, SHE AND HER PARTY ARE MOST INTERESTED IN SHOPPING AND SOME SIGHTSEEING. SHE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO DEPART U.S. AT END OF THIS WEEK.

2. THUS FAR PARTY HAS VISITED NEW YORK, BUFFALO, AND WASHINGTON. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION REQUESTED A TOUR OF WHITE HOUSE FOR MRS. HUSSEIN STRESSING IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT PARTY REMAINED ANONYMOUS. PRIVATE TOUR WAS ARRANGED FOR PARTY FOR AFTERNOON OF JUNE 22. MRS. MANSOOR, WIFE OF CHIEF OF INTERESTS SECTION, ACCOMPANIED PARTY AND ACTED AS INTERPRETER. TOUR EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL AND DR. MANSOOR EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR ARRANGEMENTS. MEMBERS OF PARTY MADE A POINT OF TAKING PICTURES OF EACH OTHER STANDING IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE WITH THEIR OWN CAMERAS. KISSINGER

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